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MEDIA, PA – Joe Sestak, a former Admiral who spent 31 years in the United States Navy, expressed his deep concern and regret with the findings of a recent Inspector General Report examining shortcomings at the Arlington National Cemetery, where over 300,000 Veterans are laid to rest. The report found that there is a lack of certainty regarding the individuals buried in a number of graves because of flawed procedures and record keeping.

"While I have great respect for many of the men and women working at our National Cemetery, the unacceptable shortcomings uncovered by this report must be addressed promptly," said Congressman Sestak. "The remains of our men and women who wore the Cloth of this Nation, and placed their lives on the line for our country, deserve treatment with the greatest dignity and respect. I highly support Secretary of the Army McHugh for establishing new safeguards to prevent further incidents, and, as a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I believe further investigation of this matter is absolutely necessary."